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## ABYSSINIA REJECTS ITALY'S CONDITIONS FOR PEACE PARLEYS

**"TAKE IT OR  
LEAVE IT"**

**INCREASING  
TENSION**

**MORE SUEZ CANAL  
RUMOURS**

Greatest Secrecy  
At Geneva.

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN  
NEGUS AND BADOGLIO

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.  
Italy's conditions for concluding  
armistice negotiations are said to  
be the following:—

(1) The peace negotiations  
must be conducted outside Geneva,  
the League only being informed  
of progress. Ouchy near Lau-  
sanne being mentioned as a like-  
ly venue;

(2) The negotiations are to  
take place only between the two  
belligerents;

(3) The arrangement for an  
armistice is to be made directly  
between the Negus and Marshal  
Badoglio, as the matter is con-  
sidered a purely military one.

It is Signor Mussolini's deter-  
mination not to enter into a  
discussion on this programme; as  
Baron Aloisi said, this pro-  
gramme can only be accepted or  
declined.

This "take it or leave it" at-  
titude is calculated to increase  
the tension and uncertainty al-  
ready existing, especially since  
these demands completely omit  
to take note of the preliminary  
terms of the Committee of

### STAFF TALKS IN LONDON

London: The Staff talks con-  
cluded with a joint meeting of  
the military, naval and air ser-  
vices of the three countries,  
Britain, France and Belgium, at  
which it is understood the results  
of the separate interviews and  
conversations of the past two  
days were reviewed.—Reuter.

Thirteen, that the negotiations  
take place within the frame-  
work of the League. The ses-  
sion of the Committee of the  
Thirteen was postponed for a  
short time upon this news, in order  
to give the delegates an  
opportunity to telephone their  
Governments for instructions.

**EUROPEAN REACTION?**  
Generally it is thought that  
France will make no particu-  
lar opposition, while conjecture and  
speculation is rife as to the at-  
titude of the remaining 12 mem-  
bers of the Committee, especially  
England.

In British circles it is freely  
stressed that the Sanctions Com-  
mittee of Eighteen must be con-  
vened immediately, and be advised  
to demand the closure of the  
Suez Canal.

**GREATEST SECRECY**  
Geneva: After a session of  
nearly two hours, the Committee  
of Thirteen adjourned till 4 p.m.  
to-day. The greatest secrecy is  
maintained as to the progress of  
the negotiations.

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plain several points of the Ita-  
lian proposals, for instance, what  
Italy understood by "direct" ne-  
gotiations.

A brief communiqué issued by  
the League Secretariat states that  
the Committee heard the report  
on the conversations held with  
representatives of the two belli-  
gerents by its President, Senor  
de Madariaga. The Committee herewith categorically denied  
had thought it advisable for the Trans-Ocean Service.



Prince Serge Mavani and Louise Van Alen, his heiress bride, are pictured above on the same field at Palm Beach, Florida, where the polo-loving Prince was kicked to death by his mount after a fall during a championship polo match.

### BIGGER AND BETTER SHELLS

Being Manufactured To Meet  
"Present Urgent Demand"

London, To-day.

A new 16-inch naval shell, cap-  
able of piercing armour plate 12  
inches thick without breaking,  
was described by Sir Robert Had-  
field, the eminent metallurgist,  
yesterday. He said that one  
shell of this kind in the region  
of a magazine would probably  
destroy a battleship. Supplies  
are being rapidly manufactured  
to meet the present urgent de-  
mand.—Reuter.

### ROMANCE COMES TO AN END

Divorce Against  
James Lin

Columbus, Ohio, To-day.  
Viola Brown, a salesgirl at  
the local Woolworth store, who  
eloped and married James Lin,  
the foster-son of the President  
of China, on July 14, 1935, has  
been granted an uncontested  
divorce on the grounds of deser-  
tion. The judge also approved  
of a property settlement, the  
amount not being disclosed, but  
it is believed to be between  
three and four thousand dollars.

Viola testified that Lin had  
left for China last December  
and did not intend living with  
her again.—Reuter.

### CHAMPION JOCKEY RETURNS

Mr. Leo Frost, the local cham-  
pion jockey, who recently under-  
went a successful operation for  
appendicitis at the Canossa  
Hospital, and who had since  
been away for a holiday in  
Shanghai and Japan, returned  
to the Colony this morning by  
the s.s. Sui Sang. Although  
fully restored to health, it is  
understood that Mr. Frost will  
not be riding for the rest of the  
first half of the season.

President to communicate the  
outcome of his recent conversa-  
tion with the Italian delegate to  
the Abyssinian delegate.

**RUOMERS DENIED**

Rome: Baron Aloisi's conver-  
sations with the Geneva states-  
men were subject to the following  
official statement issued here last  
evening:—

"The conversations are con-  
cerned with procedure and have  
a preliminary character. All par-  
ties have pledged themselves to  
the strictest secrecy and until  
now nothing has leaked out."

"The rumours circulating con-  
cerning plans for conciliation and  
reorganisation in connection with  
the general political situation are  
pure products of fantasy and are  
denied."

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### APPEAL FOR LAW AND ORDER IN SPAIN

#### GOVERNMENT'S TASK NOT TO PRESIDE OVER CIVIL WARS

Madrid, To-day.

The Spanish Premier, speaking before the Cabinet, made a  
declaration regarding the international situation, stating that  
Spain would fulfil her obligations to the League if the other na-  
tions did the same.

He added that the chief occu-  
pation of the Cabinet at present  
would be to deal with un-  
employment and the financial  
stability of the country, which  
might mean strict economy and  
even privation for some time.

He appealed to Spaniards for  
co-operation and said: "Our  
new Government has not been  
formed to preside over civil  
wars. It is time for Spaniards  
to stop shooting each other and  
to submit to law and order."

It is reported that three more  
people have been killed and  
many injured in political dis-  
turbances.—Reuter's Bulletin  
Service.

**24-HOUR STRIKE CALLED**

Madrid: The Communist Party

and the National Confederation  
of Labour have called a 24-hour  
strike in Madrid to-day, it is be-  
lieved, as a protest against the  
Government's dilatory application  
of the Left-wing programme.

Reuter.

### Session Ends In Uproar

#### INDESCRIBABLE CHAOS

Madrid: After a debate of all  
night duration, the proceedings in  
the Spanish Cortes culminated in  
an uproar. The Government pro-  
clamation had been debated upon  
and the nerves of the Deputies  
seemed to have been shattered.

The climax was reached when  
the Communist Leader, Senor  
Diaz, addressed the leader of the  
Catholic People's Party and told  
him he would be put up against  
the wall and shot when the Span-  
ish Soviet Republic was estab-  
lished.

**ALL THE RIGHT-WING DEPUTIES  
ROSE AS ONE MAN**

All the Right-wing Deputies  
rose as one man and demanded the  
expulsion of the Communists from  
the Chamber. The Left-wingers  
applauded frantically, most spec-  
tators joining. Indescribable din  
arose, the Left-wing Deputies  
giving each other mutual en-  
couragement to further outbursts.

Finally a Socialist Deputy re-  
proached the House for not re-  
presenting the revolutionary  
spirit of the masses strongly enough.

The Cortes session was  
thereupon adjourned.—Trans-  
Ocean Service.

### PHOTOGRAPHS FORBIDDEN

#### Nanking Government's Instructions

#### FORTIFIED AREAS MAY NOT BE SKETCHED

[From Our Own Correspondent  
Canton, To-day.]

"Special attention shall be  
paid to foreigners travelling in  
China, especially when they pos-  
sess cameras or when they can  
draw maps or sketches," ac-  
cording to Nanking instructions  
received here last night by the  
Kwangtung Provincial Govern-  
ment. These orders are intend-  
ed for army officers in command  
of troops.

The instructions state that  
only places of natural beauty or  
landscapes may be photograph-  
ed or sketched. In case an  
alien photographer takes pic-  
tures of fortified areas or places  
of strategic importance, the  
commanding officer is to use po-  
lite but firm action in restrain-  
ing such an act.

Soldiers are ordered to give  
special protection to foreigners,

but at the same time they have  
to stop them from photograph-  
ing or sketching such prohib-  
ited areas.

The fear of further

invasion has prompted the Nan-  
king Government to take this

precaution.

Some time ago the aviation

companies were also ordered to  
prevent passengers from mak-  
ing aerial pictures or using spy-  
glasses aboard passenger aero-  
planes.

Counter-espionage is also un-  
der contemplation by the Nan-  
king Government.

SLIGHT MODIFICATION

Later: As a result of the in-  
tervention of Senor de Madariaga  
Baron Aloisi has agreed to a  
slight modification of the Italian  
terms, whereby the League will  
be allowed to have an observer or  
will otherwise be informed of the  
negotiations. As a last resort it  
has been decided to refer the al-  
teration to the Ethiopian delega-  
tion, but from the tone of the first

Ethiopian note it is expected that  
the modification will be rejected.

The Committee of Thirteen

which adjourned until 4 p.m. to-  
day, will then be faced with the

necessity of recording that con-  
cession has failed, which will

almost certainly involve the con-  
versation of the Committee of

Eighteen.—Reuter.

**OLYMPIC SOCCER STARS  
NOT GOING NORTH**

THREE PLAYERS TO REJOIN PARTY

ON RETURN JOURNEY

Three members of the All-China Football team selected for

the Berlin Olympic Games will not travel to Shanghai with the

main party next Monday.

Wong Wing, one of the two

Malayan Chinese to secure re-  
ognition, and one of the full-

backs, has to return to Singa-  
pore to settle some personal

business and will rejoin the team

when they arrive in the Straits

after their Java tour. He will

will also join the team on their

way to Europe.

Chua Boon Lay, the only

Malayan Chinese to secure re-  
ognition, and one of the full-

backs, has to return to Singa-  
pore to settle some personal

business and will rejoin the team

when they arrive in the Straits

after their Java tour. He will

probably leave for Singapore

early next week.

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For his first assignment in the  
political arena Joseph T. O'Neill,  
of Staten Island, New York, is  
tasked a difficult job. He has  
entered the April primaries with  
the idea of beating Al Smith,  
former Governor, for designation  
as delegate to the Democratic  
national convention.

### TURKISH AIDE MEMOIRE

#### Status Of Straits Convention

#### PLEA FOR REVISION FORMULATED

London, To-day.

The United Kingdom Govern-  
ment has now replied to the re-  
cent Turkish communication re-  
garding the Straits Convention and  
the demilitarized zones. An

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## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 335 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
6.6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.  
7 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (List). Afternoon of a Faun (Debussy). Dans Macabre (Saint-Saens). Tales from the Vienna Woods (J. Strauss).

7.30 p.m.—Songs by Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). 1. Oh, Star of Eve! ("Tannhauser") (Wagner).

2. Even bravest heart ("Faust") (Gounod).

3. Pilgrim's Song, Op. 47, No. 5 (Tchaikovsky).

4. Song of the Flea (Moussorgsky).

5. Lover come back to me ("The New Moon") (Romberg).

7.50 p.m.—From the Studio.

"New Books Worth Reading" by D.E.A.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report, Stock Quotations and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—Fritz Kreisler in Violin Solos.

1. Liebesfreud (Love's Joy) (Kreisler).

2. Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow) (Kreisler).

3. Spanish Serenade (Glazounov).

4. Jota (de Falla).

8.20 p.m.—From the Studio.

Selections by the "Harmonica" Orchestra of H.M.S. "Kent."

8.40 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.

The B.C.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

9 p.m.—Daventry News Bulletin and Announcements.

9.20 p.m.—Twenty Five Years of Popular Song" by the Columbia Vocal Gem Company.

9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Recital by Margaret King (Soprano) and Nora Kanis (Pianoforte).

1. Songs—  
Singing to you  
Love's Last Word is spoken.

2. Pianoforte Solo—  
Selected.

3. Songs—  
Autumn.  
Smilin' Through.

4. Pianoforte Solo—  
Selected.

10 p.m.—Big Ben from Daventry.

10 p.m.—De Groot and his Orchestra.

Samson and Delilah—Selection (Saint-Saens).

Louise—Selection (Charpentier).

La Paloma (Yradier).

Festivity (Baynes).

Traume (Wagner).

Autumn (Chaminade).

On a Dreamy Summer Night (Krome).

Chanson Bohemienne (Bojdi).

10.30 p.m.—Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

## Covering Honours

By Ely Culbertson

When, and when not to cover an honour is one of the most troublesome problems of the game, even for good contract players. Their confusion is, in my opinion, largely based on the so-called bridge "aphorism" "no more true than dozens of others equally misleading, that one always should 'cover an honour with an honour'."

To be helpful, a rule must have few exceptions. When the exceptions reach as great a number as the observances, the rule is worthless.

The fact is that a player's intelligence must be invoked on each individual occasion. But before this can be done, a clear understanding must be reached as to the object involved in covering, or not covering, honours.

The object of covering is to promote to a winning position some other card held by the coverer, or his partner. Conversely, when no such promotion is possible, or likely, a cover should not be made.

To illustrate a standard situation:

NORTH Q J 9 2  
WEST 10 7 5 EAST K 8 4  
SOUTH A 6 3

If East covers the lead of the queen, all four cards in the suit can be cashed in by North-South. The ace wins the first trick. North's nine is finessed on the second round, the jack drops the eight and ten, and the deuce is probably good.

If East does not cover, the suit cannot be run without the loss of one trick. If North next leads the jack, the king covers and promotes West's ten to winning rank; if North leads a small card, the ace must be played by South, or the ten permitted to win the trick.

Many a difficulty with which a declarer is faced is smoothed away by a defender who fails to recognize an obvious situation.

South, dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
S. 7 4 2  
H. A 9 3  
D. J 10 6  
C. 10 9 5 3

S. K 6 N S. Q 5 3  
H. Q 6 5 3 W E H. J 10 7  
D. A K Q 4 S D. 9 8 5 3 2  
C. 8 4 2 C. 7 6

S. A J 10 9 3 H. K 4 2  
D. 7 C. A K Q J

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1S Pass 1 NT Pass  
3S Pass 4S [final bid]  
Opening lead: diamond king by West.

South ruffed West's second diamond lead, and led the jack of spades. Here West made a fatal blunder—he put up the king. When another ruff put declarer in the lead, he crossed to dummy's heart ace and finessed East's queen of trumps for total of ten tricks, king and contract.

Had West properly ducked the spade jack, the declarer would have had a difficult guess to make at a later stage. He could not know that West now held the unguarded king, and might well have played East for an original holding of both spade honours—particularly after West, on his first two leads, showed the ace and king of diamonds.

## ELECTRIC TRAIN HOLD-UP

Trains were held up for nearly an hour on the Southern Railway's Central and Eastern electrified systems last month by a breakdown in the supply of current on Saturday.

## The Water Habit

Cultivation of the habit of drinking plenty of fresh, pure water, especially first thing in the morning, is an excellent way to overcome habitual constipation.

As an aid to this, a little dose of Pinkettes, at bed-time for a few nights, will lubricate the internal machinery gently but effectively, and dispel the causes of biliousness, sick headache, nausea, ill-smelling breath, as well as relieve piles. Afterwards, the water habit, plus an occasional dose of Pinkettes when needed, should be all that is necessary to "keep you right." Medicine dealers everywhere sell Pinkettes, the perfect little liver laxatives.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

## To Be Celebrated To-morrow

St. Mary's Church, Causeway Bay, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a concert to-morrow at the headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Tai Hang Hill, when the proceeds will be devoted to the new St. Mary's Church Building Fund.

The concert opens at 9 p.m. and will be under the distinguished patronage of the Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock. A very attractive programme has been arranged and amongst those who will contribute towards it will be Miss Anne Winter, Miss Elsie Yuen, Miss Prue Lewis, Mr. Lindsay Lafford and Mr. Li Chan-chi. The band of the East Lancashire Regiment (under Bandmaster A. E. Yule) will also be in attendance.

Admission is by ticket only (\$5, \$3, \$2, and \$1), these being obtainable at the Tsang Fook Piano Co., and St. John's Cathedral Office.

## LOCAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

## One Fatality Last Week

One fatal traffic accident was reported to the Police authorities in the week ended April 11, the victim meeting his death while walking on the roadway. Fifteen people were injured in 43 accidents, 10 while running across the road, three while walking on the roadway, and two in collisions between vehicles.

There were also five collisions between vehicles, involving damage to property.

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# Sporting Page



## STANDARD OF SOCCER REFEREEING MUST BE IMPROVED

### CHINESE OLYMPIC SOCCER TRIAL SERVICES DEFEATED IN MEDIOCRE GAME SUEN SCORES "HAT-TRICK"

A VERY mediocre football game was witnessed at Caroline Hill yesterday, when 11 of the 22 players selected to represent China at the Berlin World Olympic Games, defeated a United Services' eleven by four clear goals, Suen Kam-shun, the Athletic star, securing a "hat-trick."

The Services started off at a very fast pace, but their play deteriorated considerably as the game progressed, and the second half saw the Chinese team on top throughout, although they only managed to add another two goals to their half-time score.

The Olympic stars, with the exception of one or two, were seen at their best and could do very little wrong. The inclusion of Fung King-cheung, in the centre-forward berth, made a world of difference and the Chinese attack seemed to be infused with an altogether new spirit than has hitherto been seen.

### ATHLETIC FAVOURED TO BEAT RIFLES NEW LEADER FOR MILITARY SIDE?

#### CHINESE AT THEIR BEST

After the very fine game they put up against South China "A" on Wednesday, when they shared the League points with the potential champions, the Chinese Athletic will start favourites against the Rifles in their premier league match to-morrow.

The Athletic have been very considerably strengthened by the inclusion of Suen Kam-shun and Tsui Ah-fai, and it would be no exaggeration to say that the presence of these players in the side seems to lend an incentive to the rest of the team to play much better football than they did earlier in the season.

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### POLICE TO CLASH WITH S. CHINA "B"

#### Exciting Struggle Anticipated

#### MORRISON TO BE RETAINED?

A very exciting First Division League soccer encounter is anticipated at Caroline Hill to-morrow, when South China "B" entertain the Police in their return clash.

The Chinese will probably be fielding several newcomers among whom are Boon Lay, the Malayan Chinese, who will probably be seen at left-back, while K. L. Kia, the Three Cultures winger, will again be seen on the right-wing.

Ng Po-kuai was not a success in the Chinese centre-forward berth, against the Club last Monday and his retention there is very doubtful at the moment. Young Shui-fick, who has secured Olympic honours, will probably be seen on the left-wing, while Cheuk Shek-kam is the most likely leader.

Moss Back

The Police will probably be fielding the same team which beat from Kowloon. Rooney, who has been promoted from the Third back on the left-wing, and Division is a clever forward, while Chris Pile back in the defence, at Fleming is thrusful in his left-back. Morrison, who made a good impression at inside-left, is another probable starter to field their best team owing to the Volunteer sports, are not expected to extend the Rifea. In the other games the Athletic and the Engineers should win comfortably the Athletic suffer a reverse in against Eastern and South China respectively.



#### SOCCER MANAGER'S REWARD

Fulham Directors' Generosity £500 AWARDED FOR CUP TIE SUCCESS

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London. It is now revealed that Mr. Peart, the Fulham Football Club manager, has the opportunity of receiving a gift of £2,000 in addition to a five years' contract with the club at an increased salary. Mr. John Dean, chairman of the directors, told me yesterday of his further offer to Mr. Peart. First, he is to make the manager a gift of £500 in recognition of Fulham's appearing in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup.

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#### GUNNERS IN ACTION TO-MORROW

#### East Lancs' Big Task Against Lyemun

#### FUSILIERS SHOULD BEAT STONECUTTERS

After the magnificent display given last week by Lyemun, the East Lancs. cannot afford to take things easily to-morrow in their First Division match.

The Gunners' chances of winning will depend on their defence holding the fast East Lancs. forwards. Boyle and Hurgine play well together at back, while Macmillan is very safe in goal. Their intermediate line of Lucas, Morton and Knight compare favourably with that of other teams, but it appears that the shooting of their forwards is the team's main weakness.

Haldane and Rivers are two good wingers who centre accurately, while Reece, in the centre-forward berth, is a hard worker.

#### New Intermediate Line

The East Lancs. will have Sandford leading the forward line with Ridings and Griffin, who has been promoted from the Third Division, in support. The defence with Harmsworth, in goal, and Swain and Steele, at full-back, is very sound, though the three halves, Smith, Lawson and Johnson have not been playing together long and have not a good understanding.

The Fusiliers will meet Stonecutters in another First Division clash and this should result in an easy win for the former. The Fusiliers have a forward line which combines well together, Roberts, Evans and Talbot being a dangerous trio who should give the Gunners' defence a trying time.

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#### CRESTY PROMOTED

They will probably be without the services of Cresty, their pivot, who has been promoted to the First Division, but Bumster and Parry should be able to do well among the forwards, though the latter should centre more often.

The Club are a very inconsistent team and may surprise the soldiers. Nicholls will be playing for the seniors, but the return of Fogick, who has secured Olympic honours, will probably be seen on the left-wing, while Cheuk Shek-kam is the most likely leader.

The Rifea's juniors have been playing well recently and should gather both points from Kowloon.

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The Broken record.	
C 226.—The Lady in red	Midnight Melody Boys.
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TO-DAY'S TENNIS

## TSUI WAI PUI FAVoured

Semi-Final Of Open  
Singles

### CHAMPION'S BIG TASK

(By "BASE-LINE")

Sirdar Rumjahn will be faced with his biggest test in the defence of his title when he meets Tsui Wai-pui, the 1934 champion, in the Semi-Final Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship on the Stand Court at the H.K.C.C. this afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m. Tsui, who has staged a remarkable comeback this season after an amazing decline following his major success in 1934, is in very good form at the moment and have confidence in his ability to win to-day. He has the strokes of J. Tavares, who took the champion to three sets, and he has the court-craft of Paul Kong, who all beat Rumjahn in the quarter-finals.

The champion is not as steady on the base-line as he used to be, while in this year's tournament he has all too frequently made ill-timed advances to the net. Against a player of Tsui's calibre these traits are likely to cause his downfall. Tsui also has the additional incentive of attempting to bring off the "double"—he is in the Doubles Final with his brother.

Whoever wins to-day should carry off the title next Monday afternoon against H. D. Rumjahn.

### MATCH POSTPONED

The Final of the Hong Kong Cricket Club's Lawn Tennis Cham-

## GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling  
Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

### OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m.	W. N. A. Smalley, J. W. Mayhew.
9.24	J. S. Dykes, E. des Voeux.
9.28	G. A. Pentreath, E. Taylor.
9.32	R. A. Rodgers, J. A. Shaw.
9.36	D. L. Newbigging, J. F. Wright.
9.40	F. C. Young, J. G. Cotesworth.
9.44	G. T. May, R. C. Webb.
9.48	A. T. Lay, J. R. Masson.
9.52	J. A. D. Morrison, A. Sommerville.
9.56	A. McKellar, F. M. Ellis.
10.00	J. White, W. Paterson.
10.04	H. A. Browning, A. H. R. Butcher.
10.08	J. Drummond, L. J. A. Fielden.
10.12	A. Anderson, J. Forbes.
10.16	H. N. Williamson, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.20	T. R. Ewell, B. D. Evans.
10.24	L. H. Gare, H. H. Pethick.
10.28	E. M. Bryden, J. H. McElroy.
11.04	Pay. Lt. Morant, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Marks.

### NEW COURSE

9.24 a.m.	R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Bremner.
9.28	J. L. and Mrs. Adams.

ship; between L. Goldman and M. Pugh, was postponed yesterday until next Tuesday.

Other results yesterday were as follows:

Club Handicap Doubles (Semi-Final) W. P. Lucy and R. A. Philimore (3-6) beat A. C. I. Bowker and A. K. Mackenzie (scr.) 6-3, 7-5. B. G. Deane and G. E. R. Divett (15) beat A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (5-6) 6-2, 6-2.

## INTER-UNIT CRICKET

### Final Game At The K.C.C.

#### TO BE RESUMED TO-DAY

The final of the Inter-Unit cricket competition (two days) between the East Lancs. and Royal Engineers was opened at the K.C.C. yesterday and at the close of play the Engineers had gained a lead of 29 runs. They have, however, already lost 3 wickets in their second innings, which will be resumed this morning at 10 a.m.

The scores, at the close of play yesterday, were:

#### ROYAL ENGINEERS

S/Sgt. Collins, b Whitehead	14
Sgt. Daniels, b Whitehead	0
Q.M.S. Moreton, b Elvin	3
Cpl. Waterbridge, run out	14
Col. Kirke, b Cox	29
Capt. Foley, c Cox, b Elvin	9
L/Cpl. Shipp, c Bottin, b Cox	0
Lt. Barron, c Goldsborough, b Elvin	0
Sgt. Eaton, b Elvin	0
Sgt. Bradford, c Dawson, b Elvin	4
Sgt. Dean, not out	16
Extras (B13; LBI; W2)	90

#### Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Whitehead 12 5 11 2
Elvin 17.5 0 51 5
Murphy 4 0 11 0
Cox 2 1 1 2

\* Bowled 2 wide balls.

#### EAST LANCS.

Lt. J. P. Williams, c Beal, b Barron	5
C.S.M. J. Elvin, b Barron	15
Lt. E. M. Dawson, c Barron, b Shipp	0
L/Cpl. Goldsborough, run out	0
Lt. R. W. B. Murphy, b Bradford	49
Edm. Cox, b Shipp	9
L/Cpl. Whitehead, b Bradford	4
Edm. Cox, c Waterbridge, b Bradford	12
Edm. Bottin, b. Bradford	8
Pte. Baker, c Kirke, b Shipp	2
Pte. Herbert, not out	0
Extras (W2)	108

#### Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Shipp 13 4 34 3
Barron 8 2 14 3
Bradford 8.3 0 34 4
Moreton 4 0 24 0

\* Bowled 2 wide balls.

#### R.E. (2nd Innings)

Sgt. Collins, not out	27
Sgt. Daniels, b Whitehead	2
Q.M.S. Moreton, b Elvin, b Cox	4
Lt. Barron, run out	4
Col. Kirke, not out	3
Extras (B2; LBI)	2

Total (for 3 wkt.) 47

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ALINE MacMAHON

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Remember

WINIFRED SHAW

The gorgeous, glamorous  
"Lady in Red."Warner Bros. have now  
starred her in a grand  
musical—"BROADWAY  
HOSTESS"

## Short Shots

JAMES CAGNEY has successfully freed himself—through a law suit—from his Warners contract. He complained that he was made to work in too many films, given unsuitable parts and deprived of star billing. Now he intends to play in some films in England as soon as he has had a well-earned rest.

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Mac West is definitely through with Paramount and will play in two films for Emanuel Cohen. M.G.M. were, after the highly successful Broadway show "Personal Appearance" for Jean Harlow (providing Will Hays passed it), and Cohen has now bought the rights for the first Mac West vehicle under his banner.

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Alexander Korda still goes on making innumerable announcements for his new film, "Cyrano de Bergerac," starring Charles Laughton, appears to have been shelved, and now it will be the life of Rembrandt (the great painter), for Laughton.

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Grace Moore, now acting in "The King Stuns Out" with Franchot Tone, has announced that she is finished with Hollywood until they learn how to treat her as a human being.

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Sir John Lavery, the noted British artist, is painting a series of portraits of Norma Shearer in her "Juliet" costumes.

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Louis Hayward (the particular boy-friend of Wendy Barrie in Hollywood), who made such a hit in "The Flame Within," has been given the lead in "Absolute Quiet" with Anne Baxter (seen and liked here in "Mary Burns, Fugitive") is another of the newcomers who is "going places." He is now playing with Fred MacMurray and Joan Bennett in "Thirteen Hours by Air."

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Director William Wyler has been divorced from Margaret Sullavan. It is interesting to note that she will appear in her next film with her first husband, Henry Fonda.

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Nelson Eddy recently started another Concert Tour of the States. After his tremendous success in films he now receives four times his former salary.

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Harry Richman has signed to Columbia to play in another film, owing to the big hit he has made in "The Music Goes Round and Round."

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Robert Young has returned to Hollywood after making films in England and has been handed another long-term contract with M.G.M.

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Marlene Dietrich will return to Paramount studio after a holiday in



Paul Kelly portrays the title role in "Song and Dance Man," which will be coming to the Alhambra Theatre soon.

Europe. She recently walked out of the film "I Loved a Soldier" (with Charles Boyer).

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Spencer Tracy will be in Kipling's "Captains Courageous" for M.G.M.

George Brent is again with Bette Davis in the Warner release, "God's Country and the Woman," while William Powell and Jean Arthur are to co-star in "From One to Two." It is good to see the success Miss Arthur is making. She has recently finished "A Gentleman Comes to Town," with Gary Cooper, under the direction of Frank Capra.

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The week's most astonishing news is that Joan Crawford will depart from her usual type and play "Kitty O'Shea" in the M.G.M. version of that highly-successful Broadway play "The Life of Parnell," in which Margaret Rutherford and the British actor George Curzon have made a sensation. John M. Stahl will direct Miss Crawford for the first time. Stahl has given us such hits as "Back Street," "Only Yesterday," "Imitation of Life" and "The Magnificent Obsession." The cast surrounding the great star has not yet been chosen.

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Pat O'Brien now has the lead in the Warner film "Stage Struck" that was meant for Cagney. What a shame Cagney has been so unfairly treated by Warner, as he was, without doubt, one of their greatest drawing-cards.

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Douglas Fairbanks Jr. is trying his best to persuade Miriam Hopkins to go over to act in a picture in England with him—DIANE

## JEANNETTE MACDONALD AND NELSON EDDY AGAIN

GLORIOUS SINGING AND MAGNIFICENT ACTING IN "ROSE MARIE"  
ERROL FLYNN, AIDED BY GREAT CAST, THRILLS AND CHARM IN "CAPTAIN BLOOD"

By Diane

M.G.M. has taken a step towards reformation of "trailers." In future they state there will be no noisy adjectives, such as "colossal," "terrific," "superb," etc., which have been such an annoyance to filmgoers. We have seen at the King's and Alhambra, this last week, the lovely "trailer" announcing the coming of the "Screen's Singing Sweethearts," Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, in "Rose Marie." M.G.M. have not transgressed this time in exaggeration, but to my mind have not said enough. I am at a loss for adjectives when it comes to describing the super work of my favourite singing stars.

They literally stole all hearts in "Naughty Marietta," but when you have seen them in the Friml-Stoerke operetta, that still holds rank among the greatest in its line you will have seen this ideal team in a picture that is "tops" all the way. It is so perfectly entertaining that one cannot say too much in praise, but it proves a now undisputed fact—that Metropolitan Opera stars can come and they will go—but Jeanette MacDonald will remain our prima donna. There is a surprise in store when you hear her rendition of the Waltz Song from "Romeo and Juliet" (sung in perfect French) and she truly does something that trips one's heartstrings in the finale of "La Toscana." It stirred me to the depths when Nelson Eddy's glorious voice was heard in the "Indian Love Call" through the orchestration. It was something that will live in my memory of beautiful things.

The dramatic plot is known to most of us, although, if I remember rightly, there is not much resemblance to the old silent version in which Joan Crawford and House Peters appeared, and the stage production also. I admit too, that the scenario writer leaves us in the doubt as to the ultimate end of the "wanted" brother, unless we are to believe the worst. There are a few people in the cast with a smattering of lines apiece, but they do not enter into the scheme of things. Only two people really count, and they are all one wants.

The dramatic story lends itself to the introduction of the operatic number mentioned, in which Allee Jones (of "Night at the Opera" fame) shares honours, and "Our Singing Sweethearts" treat us to some delightfully-rendered solos and duets. We glimpse some sensational dancing by the Indian tribe round the Totem Pole, and the dramatic story is effectively told, wherein our heroine—a famous Opera star—hurriedly leaves for the wilds of Canada to aid a well-loved brother, hiding from justice. There she meets romance for the first time in her life; but "Sergeant Bruce" is out to capture his man and has to choose between love and duty. When you hear that final heart-breaking "Indian Love-call" from that lonely, lovely girl you will not feel ashamed of the lump in your throat.

"Woody" van Dyke, ace director, took his principals on location to add that touch of authenticity that makes the film so human and inspiring. The scenery is breathtaking in its magnificent grandeur (it did not surprise me to hear the soft accompaniment of "frees" at certain parts) and the cameramen as well as the director deserve their full quota of praise. This musical is an epic in its way and all others fade into nothingness in comparison. It once again proves the high standard of ability of the two stars, because I can assure you no one else has a chance. Gilda Gray and her wiggle could have been left out. Una O'Connor should not attempt a French accent, and the others, with the exception of James Stewart, have little to do and even he hardly counts except that he leads to the dramatic climax. Here is the super musical for which we have been longing; vigorous, ten-

der and melodious, with superb contributions by the World's Singing Favourites. Don't forget that to-morrow is the opening date at the King's and Alhambra.

"Broadway Hostess"

Winifred Shaw will be remembered for her fine rendition of one of the outstanding song hits of the season, "The Lady in Red."

in "In Caliente," and also for "Lullaby of Broadway" in "Gold-diggers of 1936." Now Warners have rewarded her with a starring role in a musical drama that gives her a chance to act in addition to singing some grand numbers.

The plot is unusual, although it

all takes place amid the glittering lights of Broadway. Miss Shaw

is the country girl helped to success by a famous gambler whom she learns to love. He does not

return the affection and marries a rich society girl. No more need

be told, but there is a dramatic

finish and a new angle to an old

story.

The cast has been chosen with care. Miss Genevieve Tobin, Lyle Talbot, Spring Byington, Allen Jenkins, Marie Wilson (lifed in "Stars over Broadway"), Phil Regan, Donald Ross (husband of

THIS rousing tale of pirates, slaves, a cruel uncle and a beautiful heiress, "Captain Blood," from the pen of Rafael Sabatini, still remains in my memory of the old movies. Warren Kerrigan was the hero—Kerrigan who was the Clark Gable of his day. Now Warners bring a newcomer, Errol Flynn, who is likely to cause the same sensation and heart-futters we have associated with Valentino, John Gilbert and Clark Gable.

Errol Flynn is only twenty-six, but into a few short years has crammed a lifetime of adventure. Born in North Ireland, where his father was a professor at Queen's College in Belfast, he early set out to travel, and his first job was police work in New Guinea. Later, when that palled, he tried pearl-fishing, prospecting for gold, anything that kept him in the open. He hardly knows what led him to acting, but it was just another adventure. Then he made a test for films, and was given two or three small roles at Warners. His lucky break came when Robert Donat refused the offer to play the title role in "Captain Blood" and someone on the Warner lot saw possibilities in the handsome Irishman. He is ideally cast, magnetic, stalwart and the lucky possessor of a cultured voice.

Most of us know that story which tells how a young Irish surgeon is unjustly accused of rebellion against James II of England, is sent to the West Indies to be sold as a slave, bought by a pretty girl and during the uprising of the slaves, turns pirate. Later on he drives the French from the Caribbean and is pardoned, returning to the Island to become Governor and of course marry the pretty girl, "Arabella" (Olivia de Haviland).

Those who are out for excitement will find in this blood-and-thunder romance all they want and more. It has pace and movement, is skilfully directed by Michael Curtiz (who handles his crowds magnificently) and presented by a cast that could not be better. In addition to the handsome hero, salvoes of applause should be given Miss de Haviland, Lionel Atwill, Basil Rathbone, Ross Alexander, Guy Kibbee, Forrester Harvey, Carroll Naish, Jessie Ralph, Henry Stephenson and crowds more, not forgetting the big band of extras who help in no small manner to make the film one not easily forgotten.

Here is a film that is definitely worth your money and I can heartily recommend it. Put the opening date at the popular Queen's on your date list—Wednesday next (Queen's).

"Last Of The Pagans"

Most filmgoers will recall with pleasure that really great film "Eskimo," which "Woody" van Dyke directed amid native surroundings in the Arctic, solely depending on natural actors. (By the by, it was in this film that Lulu Wong—sister of Anna May—scored such a hit.) The hero "Mala the Magnificent" will be remembered in the leading role, and this real Eskimo, who had first learnt English ways through acting as guide and cameraman to famous explorers, scored such a hit that he drifted to Hollywood.

Now M.G.M. bring him in another picturesque romance of life in the Polynesian Islands where "Mala" learnt to speak Tahitian, spear shark and handle a canoe just as well as the native islanders. Richard Thorpe, the director, with his cameramen, technicians, "Mala" and Lotus Long (a Chinese girl brought up in the United States) were the only ones in the cast from Hollywood. All the rest were the natives, some traders and sailors enlisted for the minor roles.

The photography in this picture is something to remember, and the story by Johnny Farrow (who lived in the Islands for a few years) gives every opportunity for thrills and romance. I need not

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Patricia Ellis and Philip Reed are in the Warner Bros. production, "Big-hearted Herbert," which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.



Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald are in "Rose Marie," which will be shown at the Alhambra and King's Theatre, to-morrow.



Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald play the leading parts in "Rose Marie," which will be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow.



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Mr. Braga also said that the board of directors noted, with some little satisfaction, that the year 1935 concluded with a small balance of \$5,178.57, which was a more favourable result than conditions earlier in the year led them to hope for.

Supporting Mr. Braga were Mr. J. Scott Harston, M. H. Lo, Lo Tung-fan (alternate director for Sir Robert Ho-tung), directors, Mr. Hugh Braga (General Works Manager), Mr. E. Alves (Secretary) and Messrs. A. M. Braga, E. Sahmet, Horace Lo and Sun She-chun (shareholders).

#### Chairman's Speech

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—

"Some little satisfaction must be felt that the year 1935 concluded rather better than its predecessor with the small balance of \$5,178.57 to the credit of Profit and Loss Account. This was a more favourable result than the prospects during the earlier period of the past year had led us to expect, and it was achieved through the exercise of economy which was contributed to by the ordinary Directors themselves in the voluntary contribution of 50 per cent. of their full fees to which they were entitled, and which was waived as a practical gesture of their sympathy with shareholders when adverse conditions confronted them."

"While the Directors offered to forgo their fees by half, which reduction, as you might have seen, is reflected in the Accounts, it must not be assumed that they have abandoned the principle that they have properly earned their remuneration. In fact, the duties and the work devolving upon the Directors, not to mention their responsibilities, during the period under review have been no less arduous than when normal conditions prevail. Watchful carefulness and unremitting attention to details have been called for in the exercise of functions imposed at a time fraught with difficulties and exacting no less onerous than in prosperous times."

"Shareholders will have noted the re-appearance in our Balance Sheet of a General Reserve Fund. In explanation of this, I have pleasure in informing you that during 1935, through fortuitous circumstances, an amount of \$15,175.12 was recovered in respect of a debt which had been previously written off as bad. Following their usual conservative policy, your Directors thought it prudent to reinstate the General Reserve Fund at this figure, rather than credit the amount to Profit and Loss Account."

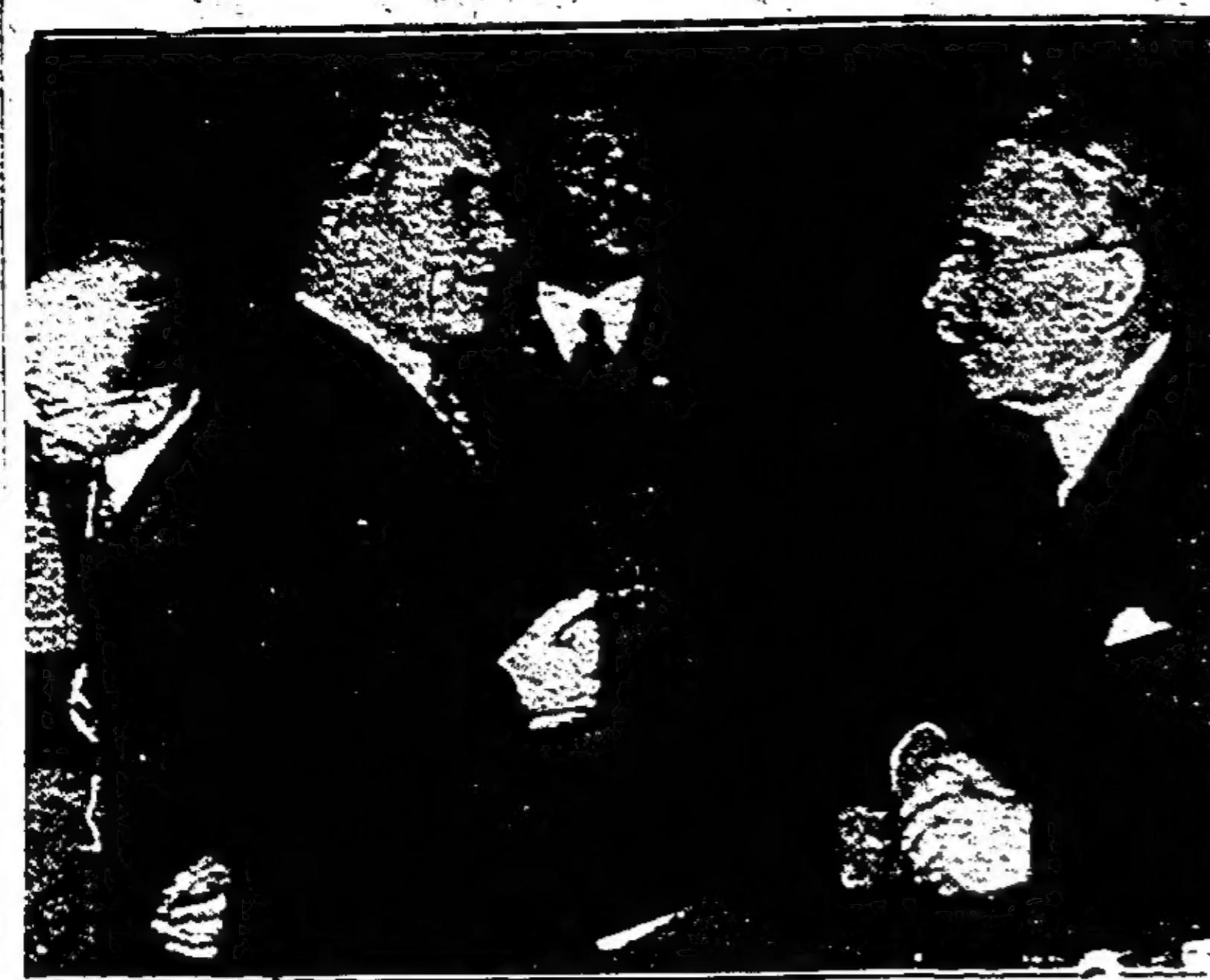
#### Appeal To Shareholders

"An item which, I believe, will not have escaped your attention is that made up of "Calls in arrear" mounting on the whole to a sum of \$9,457.50 to the end of December last. Of this sum an inconsiderable amount has been collected since the closing of the Company's books. It is incumbent on the Directors to remind dilatory shareholders that the increased capital authorised by shareholders was obtained for the specific purpose of starting and developing a scheme of potential value to the Company. Unless all shareholders alike "play the game" and pay the calls as money is required to carry on the scheme, it may be disadvantageously retarded. Your Directors trust that shareholders may not have to be reminded again as to their obligations in the matter of the prompt payment of calls."

"These are, I think, the only important items in the accounts to which reference need be made in a review of the past financial year's operations."

#### Building Scheme

"You will very likely welcome



State Commissioner Dr. Lippert is shown above in conversation with Reich Minister von Eltz-Rubensbach, during the recent Motor Exhibition in Berlin.

## BUS DRIVER FINED

### Rude Language Used To Lady Passenger

For using rude language to Mrs. W. Hillier, in Connaught Road on April 2, Ng Yin, driver of bus No. 675, was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy.

At first defendant denied the charge, but after Mrs. Hillier had given evidence he said that he did not mean the words used for her, but more as an interjection when his bus did not stop immediately.

Mrs. W. Hillier said that she was with her child on the day in question and when near the Wing On Company was about to alight when the bus started suddenly and stopped, throwing her and the child on to the seats. She told the driver to be more careful in English, and he told her in Chinese to "go and die." Mrs. Hillier understood Chinese and told him she would report him. The driver repeated the words reported in English and made the same remark again, in a very loud tone.

### OVERCROWDING OF BUSES

#### Nine Conductors Fined

Nine bus conductors were summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning for carrying passengers in excess of the number allowed, and were fined sums varying from \$5 to \$8.

Inspector C. Alexander said that this offence was again getting very common, and that a number of summonses were pending.

on the one hand and telephonic communication on the other. At the present stage of the development of this attractive residential scheme, it is very obvious that this harmonious co-operative action on the part of the three companies, viz., the two public utility concerns and your own, must eventually prove of economic advantage to all interests concerned."

Mr. Horace Lo seconded the chairman's motion for the adoption of the report and accounts, this being carried unanimously.

#### Other Business

The re-election of Sir Robert Ho-tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie to the Board of Directors was proposed by Mr. J. Scott Harston and seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo, while Mr. A. M. Braga proposed, and Mr. Sun She-chun seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors for

## Conflicting War Reports

Addis Ababa: A characteristic feature of the present stage of the Italo-Abyssinian war is the conflicting way reports are given out. Official Abyssinian sources, for instance, give the impression that the Abyssinians in the north were able to improve their positions in the last few days, the opinion being that the Italian action of concentrating all forces on roads where motor vehicles can pass will enable the Abyssinians to resume their guerrilla warfare methods.

These are, I think, the only important items in the accounts to which reference need be made in a review of the past financial year's operations."

### Today's Complete Short Story

## The Man Behind The Hold-Up

A SMALL van, bottle-green in colour, carrying on one side the discreet inscription of a well-known London florist, was moving through Lambeth in the direction of the Vauxhall Bridge.

There were two men in the driving seat. One of them was intent on keeping the van moving at a high speed through the thick traffic. The other, a keen-eyed fellow, sat with his hands in the pockets of his bottle-green uniform. A close observer would have noticed that the man's pockets bulged more than they should have done for his hands alone.

As the van swung to the turn near Vauxhall Station, a girl, rather flashily dressed, stepped off the pavement into its path. The warning blast of the siren seemed to make her lose her senses. For a moment she stood still, and then ran forward in an attempt to cross the road.

Catching the high heel of one of her shoes between the uneven paving of the street, the girl tripped. She screamed with terror as she went down almost under the wheels of the van.

The driver, with all brakes on, managed to pull up. At once his companion jumped out and went to the girl. A crowd had collected in that vulture-like way that a city crowd always collects when there is an accident. A policeman began to shoulder his way to the scene.

Two men who had been standing on the kerb made a sudden dart for the van. One of them jumped to the running-board, and a heavy

### CARICATURIST AND HUMORIST

#### Mr. Laszlo Schwartz

#### HUNGARIAN MUSICIAN AND ARTIST IN COLONY

A most interesting and somewhat unusual type of visitor to the Colony is Mr. Laszlo Schwartz, humorist and caricaturist, who is now on his fourth tour of the world and is seeing Hong Kong for the first time.

He has just concluded an extensive tour of India, Burmah, Malaya, Java, Sumatra and Bali in search of humour in its varied manifestations. Mr. Schwartz has spent several years in Hollywood and counts Charles Chaplin amongst his dearest — and most admiring — friends. He hoped to meet that prince of humour in Singapore, but eventually overtook him in Indo-China and spent some happy days in his company.

While in Hollywood Mr. Schwartz introduced the Hungarian dramatists to the American stage and has translated some 42 plays, including "Lilium" which has been seen as "Seventh Heaven" on the screen in Hong Kong, into English."

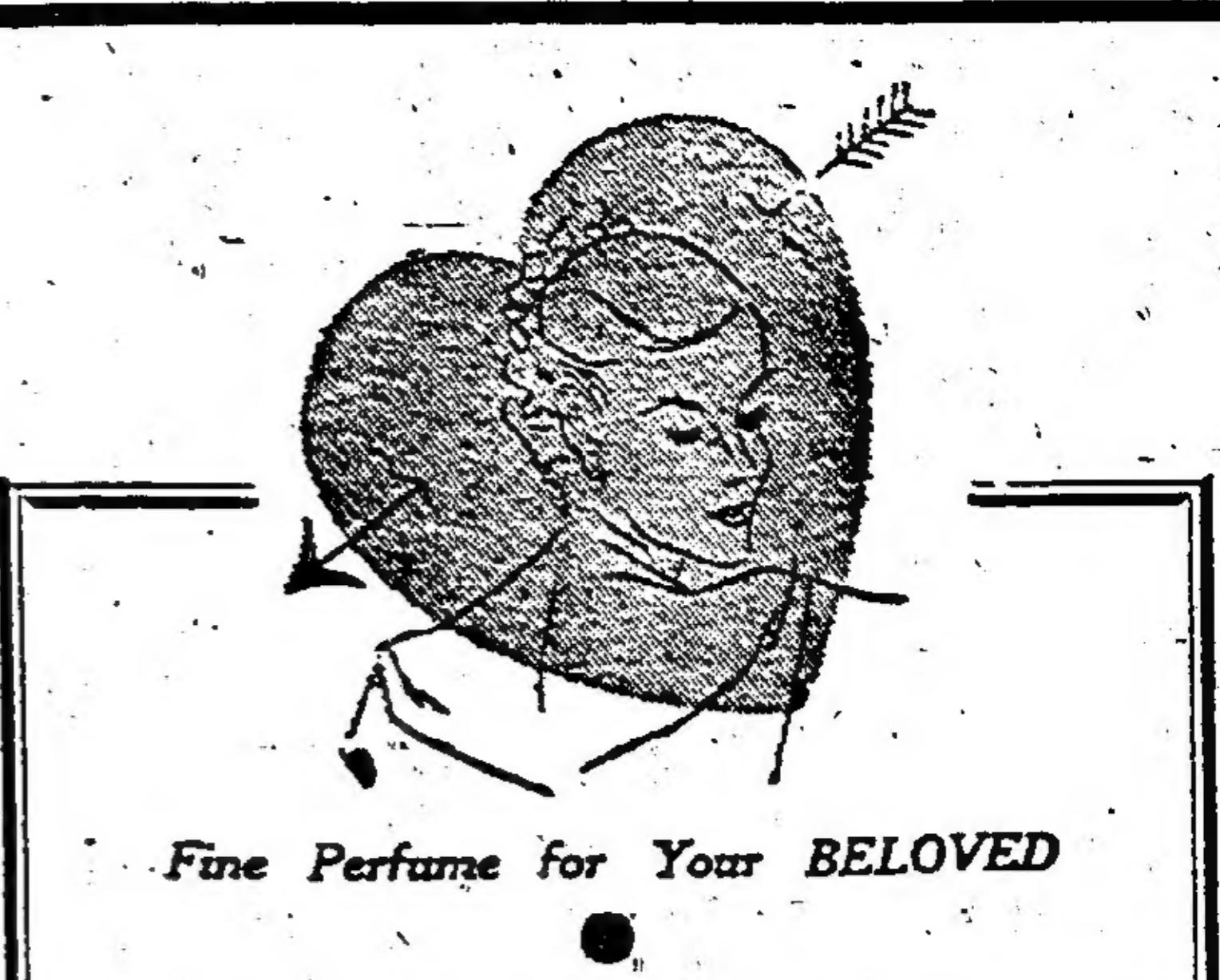
Mr. Schwartz is engaged on a book, "Laughing Round the World," which will recount his experiences on his world-tours in his search for humour and will be illustrated with his own caricatures, of which he has a wonderful collection.

#### Humour In Education

Educated both as musician and artist, Mr. Schwartz is devoting much of his time on his present tour to work amongst the schools — he gave addresses in no less than 21 schools in Singapore alone — on both folk-music and humour, which he considers should be a part of education.

A delightful and fluent speaker, he has addressed the Rotary Clubs in many of the towns he has visited on his travels and Hong Kong Rotarians will be ill-advised if they miss the opportunity afforded by the presence of Mr. Schwartz to hear one of his penetrating and stimulating talks on the importance of humour to the future of the world.

Italians attacked with gas bombs, obviously with the object of getting past the Abyssinian line, but in spite of desperate fighting their object was not achieved. Trans-Ocean Service.



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## FUTURE POLICY IN SPAIN

Exhaustive Statement By Cabinet

### FIRST MISSION TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT

CHINA MAIL - SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day. The new Spanish Cabinet was introduced to the Cortes on Wednesday by Premier Azana, when an exhaustive statement of future policy was made. The Government considers its first mission the fight against unemployment. To eliminate the great difference between rich and poor, capital will be taxed. Parliamentary work will be simplified by reducing the sessions and relegateing constructive work to Parliamentary Committees. In political circles comment is passed on the fact that the Government's declaration was received in silence by Socialists and Communists.—Trans-Ocean Service.



## FUNERAL OF LATE MR. E. MOW FUNG

Remains Interred At Pokfulum

### LARGE GATHERING BIDS LAST FAREWELL

The funeral of the late Mr. Edward Mow Fung, who passed away at his residence at Castle Peak on Wednesday at the age of 52 years, took place at the Protestant Christian Cemetery, Pokfulum, yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. The Rev. C. F. Larsen, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, conducted the service assisted by the Rev. John Y. L. Chung, Pastor of St. Stephen's Church.

The song, "Some day, some time, you'll understand," was rendered by Mrs. Larsen during the service. A detachment from the Chinese Company, of the Hong Kong Police Reserve, under Mr. Ts' Tsun-on, A.S.P., was present and followed the cortège.

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, J.P. (brother of the deceased) and several of the limbs were excessive. Mrs. Mow Fung, Miss Ruby Mow in British opinion, they were certainly better than nothing, and there was a danger that when the

British policy at the present

time, the Conference has aimed at fixing

new and much narrower limits for

future construction. Capital ships

were to be restricted to 25,000

tons, as against 35,000, and cru-

isers cut down from 10,000 to 7,000

tons. Submarines should be wholly

abolished, or alternatively dwarfed

to a size, say 250 tons, which

would confine them to coastal

waters. These proposals, with the

exception of the submarine plan,

were approved in principle by

Japan, France and Italy, all of

whom favour smaller warships.

The Wreaths

Wreaths were sent from the fol-

lowing:

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and family; Eddie, Rene, Norman

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Mrs. Chan Harr, Mr. and Mrs.

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Lindon Cole, H. S. Clayton, Mr.

and Mrs. H. L. Decker and family,

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Dunn, Miss

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chong, L. D. Purves, Misses K.

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A. Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gitt-

ins and family, A. E. Greenway,

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Hopwar, W. C. Hung, Mr. and

Mrs. U. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. T.

Hynes, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ham,

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harrison,

Messrs. C. R. C. Han and Ng Kai-

wing, R. Jan See-chin, H. F. Jason

and P. S. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jex,

Mrs. Jan See-chin and family,

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kew, Dr. L. W.

Kew and family, W. H. Kylling,

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kim, Mr. and

Mrs. T. Leonard, Lam Chui-sung,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ley, Li

Chor-chi, T. H. Lee, Mr. and Mrs.

O. T. Low, Mr. and Mrs. J. M.

Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Man.

Chief Inspector and Mrs. R. H. E.

Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nagel,

Ng Koo, Messrs. M. O'Brien and

E. Mallet, Daisy O'Keefe, R.

Pestonjee, J. Pestonjee, Mr.

and Mrs. W. H. Peters,

Roland J. Quing Yen, Mr. and

Mrs. J. P. Robinson, and Bonnie,

C. de Saillie Robertson, Mr. and

Mrs. C. S. Rosselet.

On the debit side

On the debit side must be placed

the heavy cost of our new

capital ships, which are unlikely

to be of less displacement than

33,500 tons. Hopes are still cher-

ished that the U.S. naval authori-

ties will in a few years' time con-

sent to review the question of

battleship dimensions, which in

the opinion of all other naval ex-

perts are unduly inflated.

A formal treaty embodying as

its main features the annual ex-

change of information as to ship-

building programmes and the new

qualitative limits on future con-

struction has already been drawn

up, and will, it is expected, be

approved at a plenary session of

the Conference to be held at an

early date.

Some minor technical points re-

main to be settled, but unless an

unforeseen hitch occurs in diplo-

matic procedure the acceptance of

## GAINS FROM NAVAL CONFERENCE

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By this means naval preparations should be divested of the element of secrecy which in past years has been a fruitful cause of international friction. Had the Conference achieved no more than this, its labour would have been amply justified. But it has further results to show.

### Qualitative Restriction

The qualitative restriction of naval armaments is second in importance only to their quantitative limitation. During the 15 years preceding the Washington Conference, the size and cost of battleships had been almost as expensive as pre-war battleships, and in every country the cost of naval defence was being forced up to ruinous figures.

This movement was arrested by the Washington-London Conference, which fixed limits to the tonnage, displacement and gun calibre of every type of man-of-war. Though the former abstention is due to political causes unrelated to the Conference itself. Should they cease to operate there is little doubt that Italy will accept the treaty, in the framing of which her own delegates have taken an active part. Japan is in a different case. Since the treaty is none of her making, she is most unlikely ever to become a signatory. Unofficially, however, she will probably find it to her interest, alike for political and for economic reasons, to abide by the qualitative restrictions of the new treaty. Whether she will take part in the reciprocal exchange of information on annual programmes remains to be seen.

### Outlook For Future

Assuming the eventual adhesion of Italy, the new treaty will regulate for a term of years the qualitative development of all the major navies of the world, excepting the Japanese. Further, for as long as it remains in operation, the exact strength of the naval forces of each signatory in any given year will be known to all the others, a fact which can hardly fail to allay mistrust and ill-feeling. That a conference which met in face of the most formidable difficulties should yet have produced these very substantial results is surely an achievement deserving full recognition.

Although quantitative limitation has not been attained on paper, it is generally believed that the excessive cost of modern naval material, particularly abroad, will act as an automatic brake on the future expansion of naval armaments.

### STUDENT FOUND DROWNED

The body of Ralph Buxton, aged 20, a law student, of Rotherham, who had been missing for a week, was later found in Ulley Reservoir, Rotherham.



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## THE MAN BEHIND THE HOLD-UP

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"We need you!" he said, after a brief explanation of what had happened. "The Assistant Commissioner persisted that you should be called in at once. The first time in history, Hawke, that the Bank of England has been robbed!"

"A clever scheme, too. The girl who stopped the van faked that accident, of course. Have you caught her?"

"She was taken away by a man in a car. Presumably he was moving her to hospital, but she never reached one. Another accomplice, Hawke, making sure that the decoy should escape!"

"But the van, man! A bottle-green van with the name of a florist on its side in gold letters is distinctive enough. Can't you trace it?"

There was a sputter from the other end of the wire.

"That's the crazy thing about the whole business. The van was seen to turn into a side street which leads to Black Horse Court. There's only one exit from that court—a continuation of the same street—and a constable 'was' on duty at the other end. Although he did not leave his post he did not see the van!"

"Then it must still be in the court."

M'Phinney's voice almost cracked. "We've been through that court with a fine comb," he shivered. "There's not the slightest trace of the van. It's gone, and the gold with it!"

Dixon Hawke whistled softly as he clapped back the receiver. Certainly the case was a startling one. The van and the gold together must have weighed a ton and a half. It would have taken considerable time to force open the steel doors and take out the gold. To break up an armoured van and scatter the pieces in such a short time was out of the question.

Unless the constable who had been on duty near the court was working with the criminals, which was not at all likely, the van must have been in some amazingly clever hiding-place when the police made their search. Hawke drove over to Vauxhall to see for himself the scene of the crime.

He found Duncan M'Phinney and Baxter, the head of the flying squad, already there. Scotland Yard was being put to the test with this case, which was one of the biggest in London's crime history.

Squads of police stood at every corner watching everybody who passed. It would have been impossible to smuggle a single bar of gold away from that district without being seen.

M'Phinney, a burly man with keen blue eyes and a bristling mustache, nodded to Hawke as he arrived. The head of the C.I.D. and the famous criminologist were great friends.

"It's not an English crime," Hawke said; after he had listened to further details. "There have been a few cases like it in New York and Chicago, though. Have any notorious American criminals slipped into the country?"

"We've been looking for one of them for nearly three months now," M'Phinney answered. "A man named O'Bourke, but he had a lot of aliases."

"I believe he was popularly known as 'Fan-Tan' Joe in the States," Hawke broke in. "I've heard of him. The New York police broke up his organization, but failed to capture him."

"They thought he would try to get over here," M'Phinney said. "As a matter of fact, we heard through underworld channels that was here, but we couldn't find him. He was a wonder at dissembling. Do you know his method of staging a crime? He planned to the last detail and trained men to carry it out. He would never take the risk himself. A very high-class criminal is Fan-Tan Joe, and this is just the sort of outrage that he might attempt."

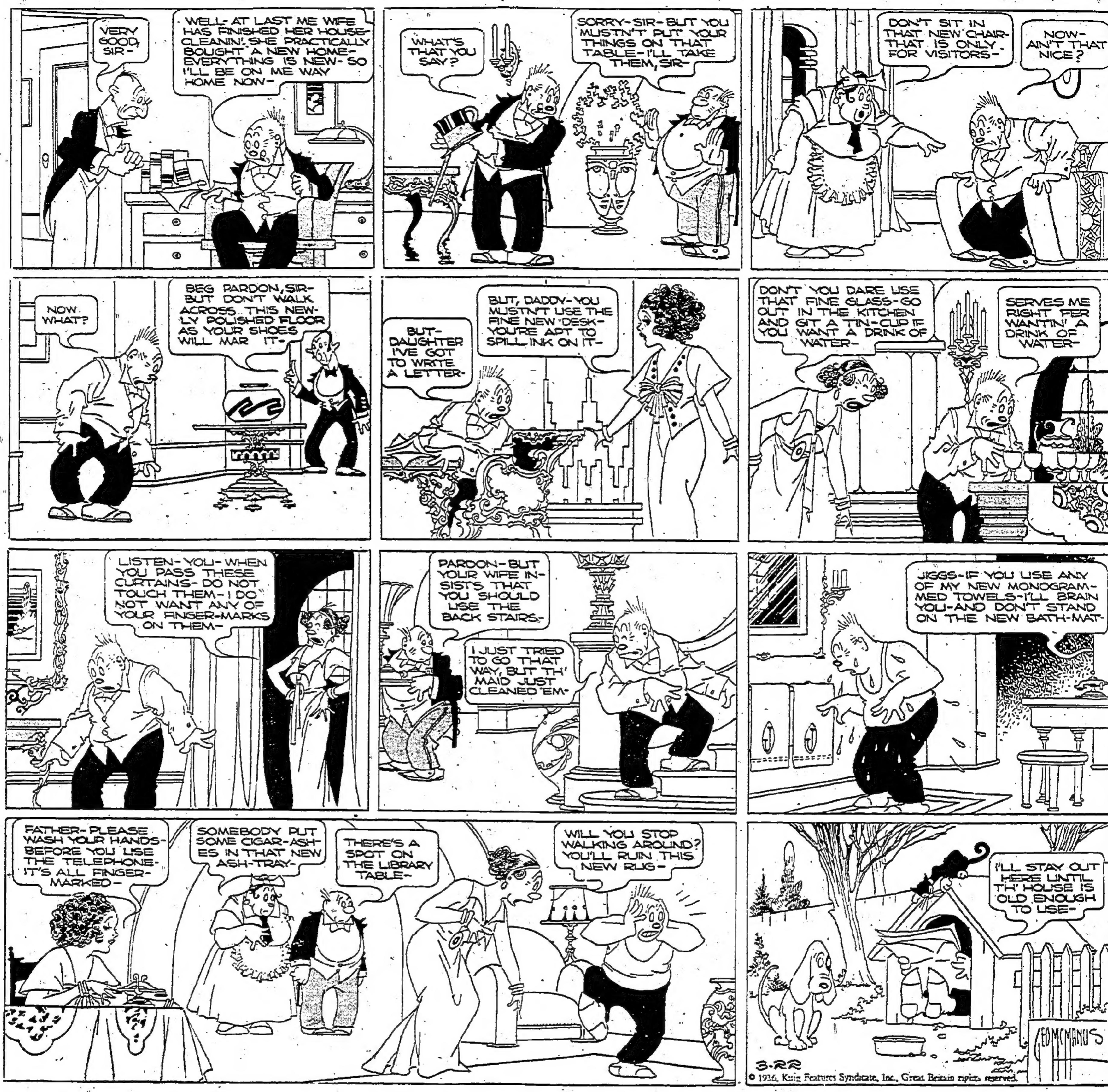
Hawke nodded. If the American was in the country he had little doubt that the man was behind the hold-up. Success would encourage him to further crimes, and it might well be the beginning of a wave of crime in Britain equal to that of the great country across the Atlantic.

Obviously the most difficult part of the criminal's plan was to remove the stolen gold. Success or defeat hinged upon that one point. Once the mystery of the vanishing man was solved, it might be possible to discover the criminals.

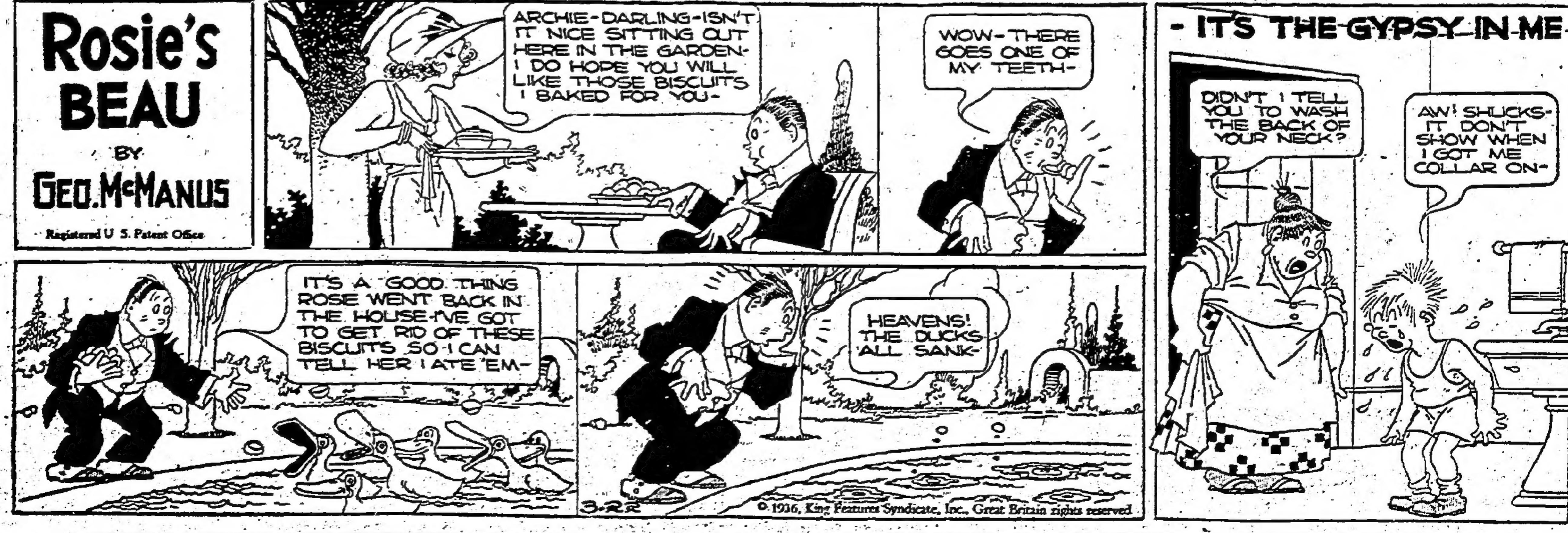
Hawke went down the narrow street into Black Horse Court. It was a typical old London square, paved with cobbles, and with old-fashioned buildings on either side.

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## Bringing Up Father



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## TALKIE TALKS

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enter into the plot here — there is nothing that is very new about it — but each and every one does his part creditably. There is the actual filming of one of the treacherous typhoons, a battle between the hero and a wild boar, a cave-in at a potash mine, and other exciting episodes with sharks and swordfish — not forgetting a shipwreck.

"Last of the Pagans" is grand screen entertainment, telling a romantic tale of love set in island scenery that is breath-taking in its natural beauty. Recommended if you care for this type of picture. (King's).

### The "Quint" in "Going On Two" And "Two In The Dark"

There is an R.K.O. film "Two in the Dark" starring Walter Abel and Margot Grahame, but the real attraction will be the two-reel short "Going on Two" showing us the most famous little baby girls in the world. Born in the wilds of Northern Ontario on May 28, 1934, Emelie, Annette, Marie, Cecile and Yvonne Dionne are the first case of quintuplets who have ever survived. Their parents, poor French-Canadian peasants, have been forced to relinquish control of these famous babies, who are now the wards of the Canadian government, under the care and guidance of Dr. Dafoe, the now world-famed doctor who brought them safely into the world.

The film just shows a few episodes in the simple life of these really lovely, healthy, adorable girls. Each one has her own individuality, although it is extremely difficult to tell which is which. They smile, they play, they eat and they have their baths, but the whole world watches, with bated breath, this famous family who, already "Going on Two," are among the richest babies in the world and who live in the greatest care under the strictest medical attention ever bestowed on any children. This film alone is recommendation to go to the popular Alhambra. The last showings take place to-day.

"Two in the Dark" is a fast-moving play adapted from a successful novel. Hero, suffering from amnesia, finds himself deeply embroiled in a murder without knowing who he is. Mar

got Grahame, an actress, helps him solve the mystery. Gail Patrick, Wallace Ford, Alan Hale, Leslie Fenton, Eric Blore, Erin O'Brien Moore, Erik Rhodes, and Carroll Naish are splendid in support. A programme not to be missed. (Alhambra).

"Mutiny On The Bounty"

The outstanding picture for 1935 — acclaimed by the Motion Picture Academy as the greatest picture of that year — this M.G.M. release, starring Charles Laughton, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone, will be shown for one day only, Wednesday next, at the Alhambra, by special request.

Here is a picture to be seen at least twice to be thoroughly appreciated. Grim, thrilling and



James Stewart and Jeannette MacDonald are featured in "Rose Marie," which will be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres tomorrow.



Patricia Ellis, Guy Kibbee and Aline MacMahon are in the Warner Bros' comedy, "Big-Hearted Herbert," which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.

impressively authentic (its great attraction, to my mind), this truly great sea-drama, acted perfectly by a cast of first-rank actors, directed by the master hand of Frank Lloyd, with magnificent photography and a suspenseful story, provides outstanding entertainment. (Alhambra).

**Ross Alexander, John Arledge, Eddie Cuff and others.**

"Smart Girl" is the best vehicle

Hollywood has given yet to British

Ida Lupino. Hukum plot, but Gail

Patrick, Kent Taylor, Joseph

Cawthorne, Pinky Tomlin, Sydney

Blackmer and Miss Lupino make

it worth seeing. (Star).

**Oriental**

"Here Comes Cookie" is a crazy

story designed to exploit Gracie

Burns and husband George Burns.

Very slight, but definitely amus-

ing, with Miss Allen at the top of

her form, and loyal George as good

a "Stooge" as ever. Very clever

vaudeville acts, George Barbier

and Betty Furness all help to

make this a film I can recommend,

especially if you are out to laugh.

Followed by "Rose of the Ran-

cho," starring newcomer Gladys

Swarthout and old-timer John

Boles. This is a musical in which

the Metropolitan singer is sup-

posed to shine. The less said the

better, but the only song that

counts is "California" sung by

the comedian.

"Front Page Woman" is such

a far-fetched story that one can

hardly recommend it. Betty Davis

and George Brent do their best

with the two leading parts. Rival

reporters try to outdo each other

from the beginning of the film

to the end, and then it all ends

in a fade-out kiss.

"Here Comes the Band" star-

ring Ted Lewis and Band, Vir-

ginia Bruce, Ted Healy, Harry

Stockwell, Nat Pendleton and

Dick Powell, is a film I thor-

oughly enjoyed. Specially good

singing numbers by Stockwell and the

usual treat from Ted Lewis. Rec-

ommended. (Oriental).

**Star, Kewloon**

"He Was Her Man" gives little

opportunity to that much-liked

team, James Cagney and Joan

Blondell. Improbable story and

unsatisfactory ending. Victor

Jory, Sarah Padden, Frank

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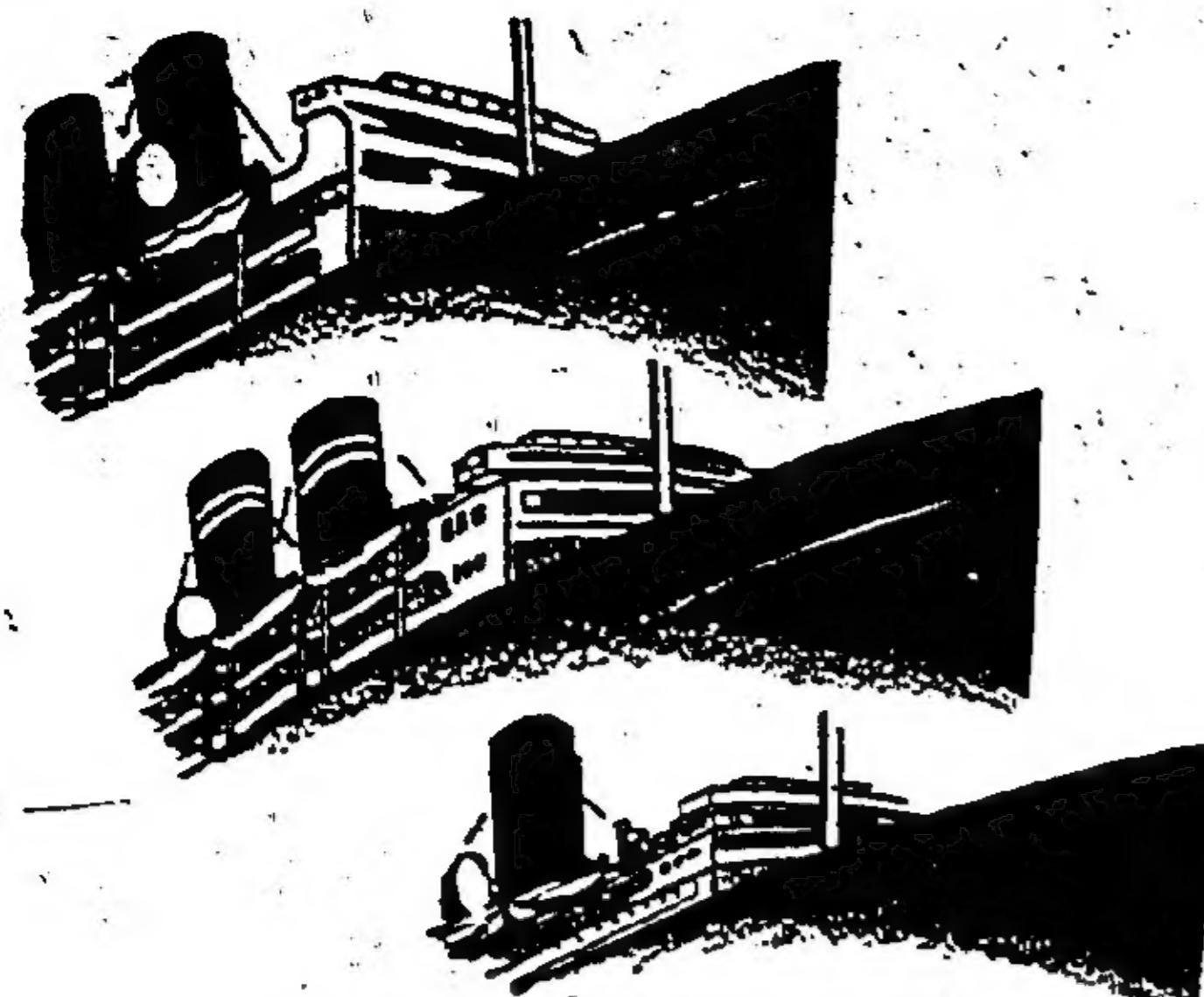
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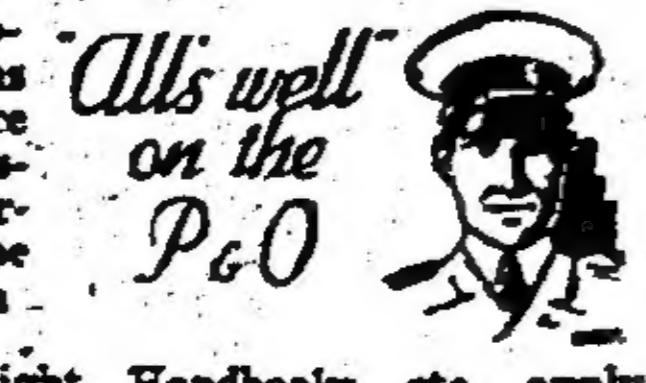
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## The Man Behind The Hold-Up

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The buildings were now used as warehouses, but due to poor trade most of them were closed. At one side of the square, however, was a garage.

Judging by the fresh paint, the place was new. Above the main doors was a twelve-foot sign, "Page Furnishing Company, Ltd.", the sign read. Several vans could be seen inside, and a few mechanics were working on them.

"We turned that place upside down," M'Phinney said, following the direction of Hawke's glance. "It was an obvious possibility. The company is a new one."

"How long has it been here?"

"About three months. This is a side branch from their factory. They do a big trade as furniture removers."

"It looks harmless."

"It is. There's no possibility of there being a van in there. Look round for yourself."

Hawke entered the garage. It was a vast room with a solid concrete floor, a few repair pits, and no cellar. The criminologist walked round slowly, looking keenly at the floor.

" Didn't they see anything of the van here?" he asked.

"There are only six men on the staff. They were busy loading a truck. As the engine was running they heard nothing of the uproar when the van was stolen. The machine could have driven right through the court without them seeing it. The truck they were loading blocked the entrance."

"A six-wheeler, wasn't it? I can see the wheel tracks on the concrete."

"I suppose it was," M'Phinney said easily. "I can assure you there's nothing in this place to arouse suspicion."

Hawke nodded, and they left the garage and passed out of the court by the other entrance. A young constable, alert and smart, was on duty. He saluted at the sight of M'Phinney.

"The man who was here when the robbery occurred," the head of the C.I.D. said, "Do you want to talk to him?" I've looked up his record, and am positive that he had no connection with the gang."

Hawke liked the frank way in which the constable looked at him. He was also sure that this promising officer could not have been bribed to let the stolen van pass.

"Did you hear the whistle of your comrade on the other side of the court?" the criminologist asked.

"There was a lot of traffic going by, sir. I did have an idea. I heard something, but I wasn't sure, and I had to stay where I was and keep the traffic moving."

"It would have been impossible for the van to have passed you without being seen."

"I'd swear to that, sir!"

"Did any sort of van drive out of the court during the next half-hour?"

The constable wrinkled his brows, then he nodded.

"There was one of the six-wheelers belonging to the Page people," he said. "It came out when the inspector was questioning me about the other van. It stopped down there by the Post Office, and I had to go down and tell the driver to move on. The van was blocking half the road."

"Why did they stop?"

"To send a telegram, sir. They had some furniture to deliver, and they had to let the people know that they were coming."

"I see," Hawke said. "All right, constable. I don't suppose there is anything else you can tell me."

He turned to M'Phinney, who had been listening to the questions with a puzzled frown on his rugged face. The Yard head made an impatient movement.

"We're wasting time," he growled. "Those crooks will get away with the gold if we don't get on their trail soon."

Hawke smiled.

"How long will it take you to get hold of a flying squad tender and a dozen men?" he asked.

"About ten minutes."

"Good! I'll meet you outside the Post Office ten minutes from now. Make sure they're your best men, M'Phinney, and that they're well armed."

The detective walked away with rapid strides, and after a moment of blank amazement, the chief inspector darted after him.

"Why do you want the tender?" he demanded.

"To catch up with the stolen van," Hawke answered. "By the time you come back I'll know where it is."

He ran up the Post Office steps and disappeared through the swing

doors. M'Phinney's mouth opened and closed with undignified codfish-like surprise.

When Dixon Hawke left the Post Office some ten minutes later he was smiling grimly. Descending the steps he noticed a butcher's van coming down the street towards him. It stopped at the curb, and the man at the wheel beckoned.

The detective swung up by his side. It did not surprise him to find M'Phinney's burly form jammed into one corner of the truck.

Although to all appearances the van belonged to a tradesman, it was really one of the high-speed tenders used by the officers of the Flying Squad. Inside there would be a dozen men and a short wave radio set which kept them in touch with Scotland Yard.

These well-disguised vans, cruising round the London streets, had done a lot to check crime.

"I took you at your word," M'Phinney grunted. "The Lord help you if this turns out to be a wild goose chase. Where do we go?"

"Take the Dartford Road," Hawke said. "It's the old Roman highway of Watling Street. We'll be following it as far as Faversham, and then branch off to Herne Bay. There's a little village on the coast called Swalecliff."

"Is this a geography lesson?"

"No, I'm just telling you where we'll find the man who planned the robbery. His present alias is Halloran, and he lives at a house called Bay View, in the village of Swalecliff. The name is an Irish one. I think you were right in suspecting the American crook, O'Rourke, alias Fan-tan Joe."

"And so I have, old fellow!" Hawke laughed.

He walked round to the rear of the furniture truck. The double doors were secured by a padlock, but two shots from Hawke's automatic reduced it to scrap iron. He wrenched it free and swung up the bar which held the doors.

A startled exclamation came from M'Phinney as he looked inside.

Carefully secured by ropes was a small bottle-green van.

"Very clever, eh?" Hawke said. "There you were scouring the country for this machine, and it was safely tucked away inside a monster six-wheeler."

"And that's how it vanished after entering Black Horse Court!" the chief inspector exclaimed.

"Exactly. They simply ran the van up an incline into the truck and closed the doors. Then it was driven right past you. A furniture van was not likely to be suspected."

"Until you got on the trail," M'Phinney grunted. "I'll send the gold back to London at once with the tender as escort. Shall we push on with the truck and pay a surprise visit on Fan-tan Joe?"

Hawke's eyes twinkled. "That's an excellent idea," he said. "Fan-tan is a slippery customer, and might slip away if we staged an ordinary raid."

After the bottle-green van had been run out into the road, and sent back to London with a detective at the wheel and the flying squad tender acting as guard, Hawke and M'Phinney, with half a dozen men, took

